

**Biographical data form of candidates to the  
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

**Name (family name, first name):** HALPERIN-KADDARI, Ruth

**Nationality:** Israel

**Date and place of birth:** 15 May, 1966, Israel

**Working languages:** English, Hebrew

**Current position/function:**

- Associate Law Professor at Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- Establishing Director of the Ruth and Emanuel Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women at Bar-Ilan University.
- Member, UN Expert Committee of CEDAW

**Main professional activities:**

- Associate Law Professor at Bar-Ilan University since 1992
- Establishing Director of the Ruth and Emanuel Rackman International Center for the Advancement of the Status Women since 2001
- Member of CEDAW since 2007; Vice-Chair 2009-2010; Chair of the Working Group on a new General Recommendation on the Economic Consequences of Marriage and its Dissolution 2009-2013
- Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women at the Prime-Minister's Office 2002-2008
- Head of the Israeli delegation to the 47th - 50th sessions of the CSW 2003-2006
- Member of research group on Religion, Politics and Gender Equality in UNRISD 2008-2009

**Educational background:**

- Post-Doctoral Fellow (1996-1997) Tel-Aviv University, Department of Sociology, Tel Aviv, Israel
- J.S.D. (Doctorate in Law) June 1993 Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
- LL.M. May 1990 Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
- LL.B. June 1989 Summa Cum Laude, Rank 1/80, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:**

- Academic Supervisor, Legal Aid for Women in Divorce Clinic at the Rackman Center since 2002
- Member of the following National Committees within the Ministry of Justice: Committee on Family and Rabbinical Courts' Jurisdiction; The Children's Rights Reform Committee: the Sub-Committee on the Child Within the Family; the Working Group on Parental Responsibility
- Head of the Israeli delegation and Panelist in UNECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10-year review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing +10)

- Prepared the official First, Second and Third Periodic Reports of Israel to CEDAW (1996, 2001-2002)
- Co-Founder and Member of Kolech: Religious Women's Forum; and of The Israeli Association for Gender and Feminist Studies

**List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:**

- *How to Decide in Custody Disputes? The Dangers of Parental Equality Illusion within a Gendered Reality*, (together with Dafna Hacker) 15 **Haifa Studies in Law and Governance** 91 (2013) (Hebrew)
  - *Economic Consequences of Divorce: Applying a Universal Equality Norm in a Fragmented Universe* (together with Marsha Freeman), 13 **Theoretical Inquiries in Law** 323-360 (2012)
  - *Between Universal Feminism and Particular Nationalism: politics, religion and gender (in)equality in Israel*, (together with Yaacov Yadgar) 31 **Third World Quarterly** 905-920 (2010) ) [translated into French and published under *Nationalisme, religion et (in)égalité de sexe en Israël au prisme du droit de la famille*, **Cahiers du Genre, hors-série** 2012, 119-138]
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